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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2007, please reconsider the present application in light of the following amendments and comments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.